

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ A drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, provided with a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which the tensile means is incorporated ~~radially-centred~~ in the belt, which belt is provided with transverse elements, each disposed ~~on to~~ at ~~least one~~ radial ~~side~~ sides of said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel, the transverse elements being provided with a slotted opening for receiving the tensile means, with an intermediate body of ~~and in which~~ elastically deformable material deposited to at least one radial side of which so as to be able to be compressed ~~is included~~ between the tensile means and the transverse elements effecting a transfer of driving power from the transverse elements to the tensile means and vice versa, said tensile means extending over a width being from 0.5 to 0.9 times a width of the transverse element at the running diameter of the belt, ~~characterized in that the tensile means is composed of a solid flat strip~~

wherein the tensile means comprises one of a uni-directional (UD) and a metal sheet-material, in which the intermediate body

has an adhesive connection with a radial face of the tensile means and in which the slotted openings of the transverse elements fit with a cross section of the tensile means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tensile means ~~is comprises~~ has an elastically deformable, ~~rubber-like~~ material, coated on to the tensile ~~element~~ means, such that a small layer of material is located in a contact between the tensile ~~element~~ means and a transverse element.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tensile ~~element~~ means is of a thickness less than 0.5 mm.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the ~~element~~ tensile means thickness is less than 0.20 times ~~[[the]]~~ a smallest running radius.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate body has an elasticity modulus more than 6 times lower than that of the transverse elements.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a mutual distance of the transverse elements corresponds to the thickness of the transverse elements[[]].

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a maximum height of the intermediate body corresponds to [[the]] a mutual distance between the transverse elements.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate body is provided over at least a substantial part of the width of the tensile means.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a maximum height of the intermediate body is less than half of the transverse element height taken from the relevant radial side of the tensile means to [[the]] a relevant radial end of the transverse elements.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the intermediate body is adhesively attached to the relevant radial face of the tensile means.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the wherein a~~ maximum element height is less than half of ~~[[the]]~~ a nominal element width.

15. (cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tensile means is composed of a single part which is curled to an endless element.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, for application in a transmission with a V-wedged pulley, ~~comprising a tensile means and transverse elements further~~ comprising a V-shape with lateral pulley contacting faces, an elastically deformable spacing means being located longitudinally between said transverse elements, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tensile means comprises a flat strip of a minimal thickness $TT \geq 0.05 \text{ mm}$ $TT \leq 0.25 \text{ mm}$, extending over a width WT , substantially matching ~~[[the]]~~ a nominal width WB of a transverse element $0.5 WB \geq WT \leq 0.9 WB$, the strip like tensile ~~element~~

means being located centred over ~~[[the]]~~ a radial height of a transverse element in the belt.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said ~~strip~~ tensile means is 0.05-0.25 mm.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said ~~strip~~ tensile means is less than 0.25 mm.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Belt~~ The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said ~~strip~~ tensile means is no more than 0.1 mm.

21. (new) A drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, comprising:

a tensile element for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which the tensile element is incorporated in the belt;

a plurality of transverse elements, each disposed at radial sides of said tensile element, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel;

a slotted opening provided on each transverse element for receiving the tensile element; and

an intermediate body of elastically deformable material deposited to at least one radial side so as to be able to be compressed between the tensile element and the transverse elements to effect a transfer of driving power from the transverse elements to the tensile element and vice versa, said tensile element extending over a width being from 0.5 to 0.9 times a width of the transverse element at a running diameter of the belt,

wherein the tensile element comprises one of a uni-directional (UD) and a metal sheet-material, in which the intermediate body has an adhesive connection with a radial face of the tensile element and in which the slotted openings of the transverse elements fit with a cross section of the tensile element.